

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1397  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
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AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO  
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AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
AMEMBASSY WARSAW  
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 0431

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PBOR PFOR ICJ CA  
SUBJ: POSSIBLE CANADA-US ICJ SUBMISSION ON OFFSHORE BOUNDARY  
QUESTION

REF: STATE 005301

1. EMBASSY HAD ONLY OCCASIONAL CONTACT WITH SYRIAN MEMBER  
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ICJ SALAH AD-DIN TARAZI PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR THE HAGUE.  
HE DID, HOWEVER, REGARD HIMSELF AS AN EXPERT ON WATER DISPUTES  
AND HAD PREPARED A POSITION PAPER FOR SYRIAN GOVERNMENT ON USE  
OF EUPHRATES RIVER WATER BY TURKEY, SYRIA, AND IRAQ. HE CLAIMED  
TO HAVE DRAWN HEAVILY ON U.S. PRECEDENTS REGARDING  
DIVISION OF WATERS OF COLORADO AND RIO GRANDE RIVERS IN  
PREPARING THIS STUDY.

2. TARAIZI IS PEDANTIC, METICULOUS INDIVIDUAL WITH STRONG HISTORICAL BENT. WE FRANKLY CANNOT PREDICT HOW HE MIGHT COME OUT ON U.S.- CANADIAN OFFSHORE BOUNDARY QUESTION, BUT BELIEVE HE WOULD BE GUIDED BY POTENTIAL APPLICABILITY OF CRITERIA USED TO POSSIBLE THIRD WORLD SITUATIONS AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL (IN GULF OF AQABA, MEDITERRANEAN, ETC).  
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